

EXPLOSIONS CAUSED \$250,000 FIRE LOSS

EIGHT BUILDINGS AT PITTSBURG
WERE DESTROYED.

FIREMEN RESCUED 14 PEOPLE

Gasoline Stored in Clothes Cleaning Establishments Exploded and the Flames Spread with Great Rapidity.

Pittsburg, Aug. 23.—Two fires on Thursday caused by the explosion of gasoline in clothes cleaning establishments caused damage estimated at \$250,000 and for a time threatened the entire East End section of this city. The first fire broke out in the Club Pressing and Cleaning Co.'s plant at 6329 Penn avenue. The three-story brick building was destroyed and 14 employees were rescued from the windows by firemen.

The second was more serious and before it was controlled seven buildings were wiped out. The blaze started in the Enterprise Pressing Co.'s shop at 5975 Center avenue and spread with great rapidity east and west. Soon the following places were in flames:

Allen Rug Weaving and Carpet Cleaning Co., East Liberty Auto Co., American Reduction Co., East End Mantle and Tile Co., Crown Laundry, Andrew Pfenbich, horseshoer, Snively Plumbing Co.

A number of automobile garages in the neighborhood had quantities of gasoline on hand and barrels and tanks of the fuel were removed from the vicinity. A hundred or more automobiles were run out of the garages and for a time lined either curb for a block, several blocks from the burning district.

The flames made a great roar and leaped into the air 50 feet above the burning buildings. Between the burning block and the handsome East Liberty market house only a narrow lot intervened and grave fears were entertained lest the market should catch. This building escaped, however, but for a scorching of the east side and the shattering of the windows.

Four firemen were hurt during the fire. Assistant Chief Bartley J. Cawley fell from a ladder and sustained lacerations on the arm and bruises of the body. William Parcel, a hoseman, was bruised by falling timbers. Ident. Michael Moore had an ankle broken by a flying hose nozzle that had got away from the hoseman's control, and John Boyd, a hoseman, had a hand cut by falling glass.

Counterfeiters Killed a Pal.

Palermo, Aug. 23.—The finding Thursday of two half-burned chests, containing portions of a human body, in the forest of Bello Tampo not only brought to light a brutal murder, but also led to the discovery of a plan for the manufacture of spurious bank notes. Italy has been flooded with this counterfeit money. The victim of the murder is Henry Francois. He had been decapitated and then dismembered. A local engraver, his wife and two merchants have been arrested, both as the assassins and as counterfeiters. The motive of the crime is alleged to have been fear of betrayal by Francois, who was a member of the gang.

Bank Employee Stole \$11,000.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Edwin H. Potts, an employee of the American national bank, is missing and the police are looking for him on a charge of having stolen \$11,000 in Erie railroad stock. Potts left the employ of the bank a year ago, but returned recently to help out the vacation period. It was then the securities were taken. The loss was discovered through information that Potts had borrowed money on the stocks in Baltimore. He recently telegraphed to Baltimore from Tucson, Ariz., and this may result in his capture. He was bonded in the sum of \$20,000.

Struck for More Pay.

New York, Aug. 23.—Drivers and stablemen who are at the wholesale beef packing houses went on strike last night. They demand a uniform working week of 60 hours and an increase in wages. Both the independent companies and the so-called "trust" are affected.

Katipunan Flag to be Suppressed.

Manila, Aug. 23.—The government has given orders for the suppression of the Katipunan flag in the Philippines and to stop the sale of Katipunan emblems. The victorious Nationalist revolutionaries flaunt this secret society flag on every occasion.

Dinan Resigns.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—The old board of police commissioners, which is dissolved by Mayor Taylor, on Thursday decided to relinquish office to the new board. Chief of Police Dinan had his resignation to the new commissioners.

Mail Sack Thieves Got Small Reward.

Denver, Aug. 23.—J. H. Harrison, chief postal inspector, said Thursday that not more than \$250 was secured by the robbers who recently stole three registered mail sacks from a railway car between Denver and Oxford, Neb.

Chaplain Jones to be Dismissed.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 23.—President Roosevelt has approved the sentence of dismissal from the navy of Chaplain Jones, who was tried recently by court-martial for financial irregularities.

"COME OFF THE PERCH."



Uncle Sam—"Hi, there; do you realize that in order to repair that wire one or the other of you must come down?"

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

Owing to the stringency in the money market, the city of New York has been obliged to raise the rate of interest on bonds it now has for sale from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent.

Through the defection of the secretary-treasurer, the Milk Wagon Drivers' union, one of the strongest labor organizations in Chicago, has been plunged from affluence to temporary poverty. The shortage is \$20,000.

George T. Carney and his sister Marion, of Staten Island, are locked up without bail in the Fort Richmond, N. Y., jail, charged with having conspired in a plot to kill their brother-in-law, Frederick Huiz, for \$1,500 life insurance.

A Timely Suggestion.

Pittsburg, Aug. 23.—Clarence V. Tiers, vice president of the Dollar Savings bank, has sent to President Roosevelt a letter of suggestion tending to the suppression of combinations of organized wealth to create panicky conditions, thereby hampering the prosperity of the country. Mr. Tiers says: "As a possible means to protect the legitimate business interests and the wage earners of the whole country from injury due to industrial stagnation, I suggest that steps be taken to prevent the transmission and publication of stock exchange quotations."

Asks Protection for Telegraphers.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 23.—Superintendent Terhune, of the Western Union Telegraph Co., on Thursday appealed to Gov. Vardaman to furnish protection for the officers of the Western Union at Holly Springs, Granada and Greenwood, stating that operators have been forced to quit at the two offices first named and citizens of Greenwood are offering threats and indignities to the manager at that place. The governor replied that Terhune should appeal to the courts and if they are unable to enforce the law he will adopt measures for protection.

Seized a Dynamiting Outfit.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 23.—The police of this city upon receipt of a telegram from Chief Inspector McCafferty, of New York, searched the premises of Sarkis Restigian, a tailor here, on Thursday, and seized a case of material used in the manufacture of dynamite. Restigian is a friend of Father Martoccassian, who was arrested in New York some time ago in connection with an Armenian murder. The case was found in the cellar of Restigian's shop.

Ohioan Almost Landed the Prize.

Camp Perry, O., Aug. 23.—By only three points out of a possible 500 Maj. C. B. Winder, of Ohio, lost the president's match shot by authorization of President Roosevelt, with which comes the military rifle championship of the United States. Winder's score was 398, but Sergeant Berg, of the Second Washington, scored 310, and took first honors.

Threw His Enemy Into Cinder Pile.

Washington, Pa., Aug. 23.—James Jack and Charles Davis, employees of the Standard Tin Plate Co. at Canonsburg, quarreled in the mill Thursday and as a result Jack, who is of powerful physique, seized his antagonist and carried him to a cinder pile, where he buried the man into a mass of red hot cinders. Jack was arrested.

A Doubly Fatal Wreck.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 23.—A Georgia Central passenger train was wrecked last night 17 miles from here. D. T. Hubert, express messenger, and W. H. Carey, colored, postal clerk, are reported fatally injured. Five coaches were derailed.

Creditors Will Investigate.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—The financial affairs of the Pope Manufacturing Co., which recently went into the hands of a receiver, are to be investigated by a committee of five creditors representing \$2,000,000 of the firm's indebtedness.

Earthquakes Startle Islanders.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Aug. 23.—A sharp earthquake was felt Thursday on the islands of Guadeloupe and Dominica. Several strong shocks have been reported from the island of St. Lucia this week.

TAFT DISCUSSES NEGRO PROBLEM

OPENS REPUBLICAN STATE CAMPAIGN IN KENTUCKY.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT

Does Not Require that Every Negro Should Vote, and Its Enforcement Has Nothing to Do with the Social Equality of Races.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 23.—Secretary of War Taft on Thursday opened the republican state campaign with a discussion of the race problem, general political issues from the southern standpoint and an appeal to Kentuckians to aid the republican party in support of those principles.

He called attention to the prosperity of Kentucky's industries and agriculture, and expressed the belief that many Kentuckians who favored a protective tariff had blindly voted the democratic ticket because of feeling on the race issue.

After mentioning the various means of disfranchising voters, and declaring that such laws were proper if applied with equal fairness to both white and black, he expressed the hope that the colored citizens under the leadership of such men as Booker T. Washington would "become respected business men."

One of the worst outbreaks among the insane prisoners in the history of Clinton prison at Dannemora occurred Wednesday night. As a result Isaac Dubois, one of the inmates, is dead, shot through the heart by a guard.

The insane prisoners were being marshaled for bed when, at a given signal, they rushed into the two big lower dormitories and slammed the doors in the faces of the guards. Having locked the doors they proceeded to smash the doors and sawing the bars. Some of the less violently insane, however, helped the furies.

Seeing that the struggling convicts could not be reached through the steel doors, the guards turned on them from the windows streams of water from the fire hose. This kept them at bay, but did not subdue them. The guards were finally obliged to use rifles and pistols and it was after midnight before the uprising was quelled. Besides Dubois, who was killed, several other prisoners were seriously wounded.

Two large dormitories were wrecked, windows smashed, iron gratings bent and walls damaged where an effort to wrench the iron bars from their fastenings had been made. The dead man, Isaac Dubois, had been at the hospital only a short time. Convicted of larceny in the second degree, he was subsequently ordered to the state hospital.

The outbreak was planned with great cunning and carried out with reckless boldness. Townspeople were attracted by the terrific noise and assisted materially, when the wardens made a series of assaults and finally forced the doors and overpowered the rioters.

This is the only outbreak of any sort since the opening of the hospital in 1900.

Drivers Were Thrown from Sulkys. Readville, Mass., Aug. 23.—After three of the closest finishes seen in the Grand Circuit meeting here, Kruger on Thursday was returned the winner of the Norfolk stake, valued at \$6,000. While scoring for the first heat Sam Rysdyk, Wilson Addington and Miss Gay collided at the wire. Lester Dore, of Taunton, Mass., driver of Miss Gay, was thrown in the air and landed 30 feet in front of his mare. He escaped with a badly sprained ankle. Cox, who was behind Addington, was thrown against the fence, but was not much injured. None of the horses was hurt. Athanas won the Ponkapog stake, worth \$4,500.

Grief Caused Death. Akron, O., Aug. 23.—Grief caused the death of Adam Haller, aged 82. Mr. Haller had just entered his daughter's home to view the body of his favorite grandson, who had died suddenly. He gazed at the body, turned away, dropped into a chair and was dead in a few seconds.

Auto Ran Over an Embankment. Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 23.—Mrs. W. Cruse, of New Jersey, is in a hospital at Chambersburg, possibly fatally injured as a result of the overturning of a touring automobile in which she was riding about three miles west of Chambersburg, Thursday.

Alber Kaufman, of Carlisle, Pa., the chauffeur, was badly burned by blazing gasoline. Mrs. Cruse was caught under the machine and is suffering from concussion of the brain. The automobile went over an embankment while the chauffeur was attempting to pass a wagon.

Bank's Officers to be Arrested. Portland, Ore., Aug. 23.—Warrants were issued at the district attorney's office Thursday for the arrest of the officers of the Oregon Trust and Savings bank, which closed its doors Wednesday. The charge is accepting deposits after they were fully aware of the bank's unstable condition.

Arabs Displayed Reckless Courage. Casablanca, Aug. 23.—Twelve Frenchmen were wounded during the fighting Wednesday. A battery was disembarked from a transport and upon the enemy. The Arabs showed reckless courage. They would ride close up to the French camp, dismount and fire persistently until they were disposed by shell fire from the cruiser Gloire. The cruiser Gueydon has bombarded the port of Fidalah, north of Casablanca. The smugglers of arms had their headquarters at Fidalah.

A MIRROR OF EVENTS IN OHIO

Two Young Men Drowned.

Port Clinton, O., Aug. 23.—The bodies of Stanley Brown, a Columbus medical student, and John N. Williamson, of Dayton, were found floating in Lake Erie Thursday. Saturday night, after spending a day with friends on Catawba Island, the men set out in a canoe to return to Put-in-Bay. A storm was approaching and their friends pleaded with them to delay their trip until Sunday. They laughed at their friends and headed the canoe for Put-in-Bay. The distance was about five miles, but ere they covered half of it the storm broke. Wednesday the canoe and oars were picked up near Port Clinton. Thursday Brown's body was found near here and Williamson's body was found five miles distant.

Found Much Evidence of Fraud.

Columbus, O., Aug. 23.—In the report of State Examiners H. R. and Orloff T. Brown, filed Thursday, on Delaware county, they say that 24 fraudulent warrants, issued upon bridge, ditch and sheep funds, resulting in the payment of \$2,148, were in the handwriting of ex-Deputy Auditor Harley Simpson. No vouchers were found on file authorizing any of these warrants. Pictitious names were used and records were badly mutilated, all in the same handwriting. The Browns say. Nearly every official in the county is charged with drawing illegal fees and salaries and with defalcation.

Bates Will Succeed Rowlinson.

Hiram, O., Aug. 23.—Rev. Minor Lee Bates, authorities of Hiram college admit, is scheduled to succeed President C. C. Rowlinson, who will resign because of friction among the trustees over his administration. Bates, former pastor of Newark and Warren Christian churches, is now pastor of a church in New York City. He graduated from Hiram in 1895. As Bates will not be free to take the place until May 1, 1908, President Rowlinson has consented to remain until that time.

A Remarkable Case.

Wapakoneta, O., Aug. 23.—Because he laughed while eating hickory nuts three years ago, Edward Eiseuhut, aged 23, of Botkins, south of here, died Wednesday. A piece of the shell was drawn into his lungs and lodging there could not be withdrawn. Inflammation caused consumption. This week the man was in a runaway and this brought on a severe hemorrhage, which ended in death.

A Daring Robbery.

Cleveland, Aug. 23.—Two men broke into the jewelry store of Schaeffer Bros. Co. in the Colonial arcade early Thursday morning and got away with \$1,000 worth of jewelry. It is one of the boldest robberies in years, the police say. The arcade is open and brilliantly lighted all night. People constantly pass through it. A night watchman patrols the building all night.

Fosteria Man Succeeded.

Fostoria, O., Aug. 23.—Randall Deard, aged 34, committed suicide Wednesday night by hanging himself to a small apple tree. The limb was even with his chin and, after wrapping the rope about his neck and holding the end in his hand, he lifted his feet from the ground and so held them until dead. His domestic relations were pleasant and he had no debts.

Girl Messengers Didn't Last Long.

Columbus, O., Aug. 23.—Tramping the streets and climbing stairs in hot weather proved too much for the Western Union girl messengers here and their places were filled by men Thursday. The girls made good messengers, but they could not stand the strain. They were substituted for the striking boy messengers.

Foul Play is Suspected.

Ashtabula, O., Aug. 23.—William Cavanaugh, a lake fireman, was found dead Thursday morning in the rear of Tom Howard's saloon. His neck was broken. The man was either murdered or he fell and was killed. The police cannot see, though, how he could have fallen and broken his neck.

Sharer is Elected President.

Sandusky, O., Aug. 23.—The Ohio Association of Elks on Thursday selected Cedar Point as the meeting place in 1908. Roscoe T. Sharer, of Alliance, was elected president over M. W. Bland, of Bellevue, succeeding William Reinhart, of this city.

Chalker's Gift is Dedicated.

Warren, O., Aug. 23.—The Newton Chalker high school was dedicated Thursday. The building was erected by Newton Chalker, a prominent business man of Akron, as a gift to his native town. It cost \$20,000.

Noel Leads in Second Primary.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 23.—The second primary election for the democratic gubernatorial nomination was held in Mississippi Thursday, the candidates being E. F. Noel and Earl Brewer. Complete returns from ten counties out of 78 in the state give Noel a majority of 1,100 votes. This is a distinct gain for Noel over his vote in these counties in the first primary.

"Getting Even."

In savings banks it is customary to require a new depositor to sign an identification blank. In a certain savings bank recently a woman was somewhat unwilling to comply with this request. "What is your husband's name?" asked the clerk. "My husband's name is Peter Jones. What is your wife's name?" snapped the fair depositor.

GARFIELD SEES TAFT

Conference Held at Louisville—He Outlines the Feeling in the West.

Columbus, O., Aug. 23.—Arthur

Vorvys, national manager of the Taft campaign, went to Cincinnati yesterday, and returned at 1 o'clock this morning, accompanied by Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield. Secretary Garfield had an extended conference with Secretary of War Taft at Lexington, Ky., and with Commissioner Vorvys at Cincinnati, and en route to this city. Secretary Garfield went to Cleveland without stopping.

He is returning from his tour of the West on departmental business. During that tour he was able to gather valuable first-hand knowledge of the sentiment of the far West on the presidential nomination, and to arrange to expedite Taft's candidacy in the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast states.

It was to receive his report of his trip that Commissioner Vorvys went to Cincinnati.

A special dispatch from Cleveland says:

"As soon as Congressman Burton can get an exact copy of the speech Senator Foraker made at New Carlisle Saturday he is expected to go after the senator."

"Foraker was reported as criticizing Burton sharply for not giving the Ohio river favorable attention in the river and harbor appropriations."

"Burton saw only brief extracts from the speech and is stirred by them."

TEMPERANCE METHODISTS

Are Camping on Fairbanks' Trail Because of the Cocktail Incident.

Indianapolis, Aug. 23.—A quiet canvass of prominent members of the Methodist church for a candidate against Mr. Fairbanks for delegate to the quadrennial conference of the church at Baltimore has resulted in bringing Samuel L. Wilson, for 26 years a member of Grace M. E. church, into the race as the candidate of the temperance element.

Ever since it became known that Fairbanks had served cocktails and three kinds of wine at the dinner given to President Roosevelt on Memorial day the Phalanx, the Prohibition organ, has waged unceasing war on the vice president and has demanded that the church refuse to send him as a delegate to the quadrennial conference.

The Phalanx, which is commanding the campaign for Wilson, declares that Fairbanks has disgraced the church, and says that "Mr. Wilson does not occupy a high station in political life, is not a wealthy man, but is an intelligent, useful and consistent member of that great church."

UPHOLDS THE PRÉSIDENT

John Burroughs, the Naturalist Says Teddy is Right About Nature 'Faking.'

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 23.—John Burroughs, the author-naturalist, is back at his home, Slabside in the mountains west of this city, after a vacation trip with his son Julian by motor boat to Lake Champlain. While away he visited Irving Batchelder, the naturalist, at Tupper Lake in the Adirondacks.

In answer to a query about the controversy over nature-fakers which was started by President Roosevelt's denunciation of William B. Long, Mr. Burroughs expressed regret that the president had jumped into the fray. He added: "But he is so keenly interested and so indignant at some of the things he sees that there is no use trying to dissuade him. He must take his part, and he is right about it."

Mr. Burroughs enjoyed his summer outing almost as much as he did the trip with the president in the Western wilds. He and his son cooked their own meals and camped out along the route.

TWO ATTEMPTS MADE TO DYNAMITE A TRAIN

Cripple Creek, Colo., Aug. 23.—An attempt was made about noon yesterday to blow up the incoming short line passenger train with

dynamite at St. Peter's Dome, midway between Cripple Creek and Colorado Springs. Every window in the last car was broken and Mr. J. McCarthy of Victor, deputy state mine inspector, had his hand cut.

A number of women fainted, and there was great excitement.

A similar attempt was made to blow up the same train at Duffield. The dynamiters escaped, but the sheriff is on their trail.

NEW PORT ENTERTAINING PRINCE OF SWEDEN

Newport, R. I., Aug. 23.—Prince Wilhelm, crown prince of Sweden, who is to spend the remainder of the week in Newport, arrived Thursday morning on the Swedish cruiser Fylgia, his arrival being announced by the firing of the national salute from the cruiser, answered by Fort Adams. During the stay of the prince, he will be royally entertained by the members of the Newport summer colony, with a round of dinners, luncheons and dances given by Mrs. Stayvestant Fish, Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mrs. Richard Gambrell, Mrs. Edward J. Berwind and Mrs. George Peabody Wetmore.

NEW YORKERS, VEGETARIANS

Meat Wagon Drivers Strike and the Supply of Meat is Exhausted.

New York, Aug. 23.—No meat has been delivered since midnight by New York jobbers to retail butchers in the city. A few retailers, who own their own wagons, sent for supplies, but the number of these is so small that the available stock was sold out before breakfast time. The striking drivers of packing house delivery wagons, have made no attempt thus far to interfere with the retailers' vehicles, but it is expected that the campaign will quickly become more active. The packers announce that they will make an effort today to account their wagons under guard of mounted policemen.

The drivers quit work late yesterday. Most of them left their wagons standing loaded where the strike order reached them. The strikers' plan is to call out the stable men, slaughterers and meat cutters, if the packers prove successful in moving their wagons.

New York, Aug. 23.—The employers today practically gave up the idea of moving any of their wagons today, and assembled at the Hotel Belmont, to consider the situation and plan for either settling the strike or moving their vans despite the strikers tomorrow. They were still in session into this afternoon. Police escorts were furnished for the few wagons sent out, but they were not molested.

Melon Season

is on in full blast at Turner's market.

Fancy Indiana Watermelons.
Fancy Indiana Tiptop Mush-melons.

Fancy Indiana Gem Cantelopes
Blackberries
Cooking Apples
Sweet Apples
Eggs Plant
Cauliflower
Celery
Radishes
Home Grown Tomatoes

Our own grown large sweet corn 13c per doz. 2 doz for 25c.
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